

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2007

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
REGARDING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR
MENTAL RETARDATION, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
KEEP WAITING LISTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES
AND SUPPORTS, BUT FOR WHOM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN
PROVIDED, AND THE REASONS FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes 333F, Section 6, Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation, enacted by the Legislature in 1998, directs the Department of Health to “keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports.” This report summarizes all wait lists for persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation waiting for services and supports.

As of June 30, 2006, there were no individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation on a wait list for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Due to the August, 2005 settlement and release agreement with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Department no longer maintains a wait list for Waiver services by processing all individuals applying for the Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. However, the Department does maintain wait lists for non-mandated services through Purchase of Service contracts. As of June 30, 2006, there were no individuals waiting for non-mandated services.

The Department has eliminated the wait list for Waiver services by funding the Waiver. However, demand for Waiver services has increased yearly because of this.

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH HAWAII REVISED STATUTES CHAPTER 333F Section 6

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Introduction

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 333F, Section 6, enacted in 1998, directs the Department of Health “to keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports.”

Department of Health’s Findings

Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver

As of June 30, 2006, there were 0 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver Services.

Pursuant to the Settlement and Release Agreement executed on August 12, 2005 between “Plaintiffs” and the “State of Hawaii” and their “Representatives”, in connection with Hawaii Disability Rights Center, et al. v. State of Hawaii, et al., Civil No. 03-00524 HG-KSC (U.S. District Court), the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) sent out over 700 letters to individuals who previously requested services or who originally deferred admission to services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Of this 700, 122 individuals have responded requesting new individualized service plans (ISP), and 74 have already received their ISP as of October 23, 2006. At the time of the new ISP, the DDD will discuss whether an individual would like to be admitted into the Waiver and the services requested.

For FY 06, 329 individuals were admitted into the Waiver with an additional 72 persons admitted in the first 4 months of FY 07 (July 1, 2006 and October 31, 2006).

Purchase of Service Contracts

As of June 30, 2006, there were **0** individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under Purchase of Service contracts.